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February 8, 2006

In the Matter of Docket No. 2005-227
West Newbury Highway File No. 78-461
Department West Newbury

RECOMMENDED FINAL DECISION

The applicant, West Newbury Highway Department was issued a superseding order of conditions from the Department's Northeast Regional Office on October 18, 2005, affirming the West Newbury Conservation Commission's issuance of an order of conditions to pave Ash Street in West Newbury, MA

On November 1, 2005, Robert Lovejoy the authorized representative of a group of residents of West Newbury filed a request for an adjudicatory hearing seeking review of the superseding order of conditions pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act.

A screening conference was scheduled for February 8, 2006, however, on February 7, 2006, this office received a fax from the applicant, indicating that due to recent findings by the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the West Newbury Board of Selectmen, has voted to formally withdraw the proposed plan on file to pave the road. In other words, they have decided withdraw the Notice of Intent (NOI).

I, therefore, recommend this appeal to be dismissed as moot. The Superseding Order of Conditions issued by the Department's Northeast Regional Office (File No. 78-461) on October 18, 2005 granting the project is vacated.

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NOTICE

This decision is a recommended final decision of the Presiding Officer. It has been transmitted to the Commissioner for his final decision in this matter. This decision is therefore not a final decision subject to reconsideration under 310 CMR 1.01(14)(e), and may not be appealed to Superior Court pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A. The Commissioner's final decision is subject to rights and reconsideration and will contain a notice to that effect.

Because this matter has now been transmitted to the Commissioner, not party shall file a motion to renew or reargue this recommended final decision or any party of it, and no party shall communicate with the Commissioner's office regarding this decision unless the Commissioner, in his sole discretion, directs otherwise.

This final document copy is being provided to you electronically by the Department of Environmental Protection. A signed copy of this document is on file at the DEP office listed on the letterhead.

Ann Lowery Presiding Officer

Adopted by Commissioner Robert W. Golledge, Jr., February 13, 2006.